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Mr. Jim Schmidt
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Local Roads
1590 Woodlake Drive
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-5712

RE: City of Clayton

Clayton Pedestrian Enhancement Project Federal Project No. STP-5438(607) Letter of Public Interest Finding CDG Project No. 11073

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On behalf of the City of Clayton, CDG Engineers hereby requests approval of a finding in the public interest to use <u>Electrical Panels</u> manufactured by <u>Square D</u> for the Clayton Pedestrian Enhancement project.

This project is a continuation of the City's Central Business District Streetscape Improvements. The City plans to improve pedestrian safety along Bonhomme Ave., S. Meramec Ave., S. Central Ave., and Shaw Park Dr. by removing and replacing sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible ramps, streetlights, and street trees.

The City requests that these Electrical Panels be used for the following reasons:

- 1. Panel boards are interconnected via proprietary communications interface that must be maintained for appropriate control and diagnostics.
- 2. Diagnostics save valuable cost and time in troubleshooting by field personnel.
- 3. Master control of each panel board saves energy costs.
- 4. Panel boards of other manufacturers cannot provide the duplex communications interface required for the City's established lighting control system.

Approval of this request at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. This project is scheduled for a January 2013 bid opening. Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at 314-446-3527 or rieck@cdgengineers.com. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

CDG Engineers Architects Planners, Inc.

Daniel J. Rieck, E.I.T. Assistant Project Manager I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.

Kathryn Palearvey, State Design Engineer

Approved By:

Title